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**APPENDIX VIII**  
**Comments to the City of Dayton on sign location**

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**To:** cleavengerc@mcoho.org  
**cc:** Ciaron Walker/Partner/NPS@NPS, Kim Norley/CUVA/NPS@NPS  
**Date:** Friday, February 28, 2003 02:50PM  
**Subject:** Wayfinding

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Carol:

As discussed a few minutes ago, Ciaron went around with Keith Steeber and another city staff person this morning to review each of the 26 wayfinding sign locations proposed for within the Dayton City limits. Issues were identified for 12 of the locations specified.

These issues can be categorized as follows:

- 1) Sign location specified would result in the sign panel overhanging the street;
- 2) Sign location specified would result in the footing for the sign post possibly disturbing buried utilities;
- 3) Sign location specified would place the sign post in the potential way of pedestrians;
- 4) Sign location specified would place the sign on private property and require permission from the property owner;
- 5) Sign location specified would require sign placement on a bridge (Stewart Street Bridge), introduction of additional sign posts on the bridge is not permitted.

In some cases we disagree with the issue, however, in most cases the city staff has raised a potentially valid issue. Our potential response to these issues may include the following:

- 1) Redesign of the sign bracket so that it can be separated from the sign post and attached directly to an existing post, i.e., lamp post;
- 2) Redesign of the sign panel to include a three-foot wide panel / bracket in addition to the current four and five-foot wide panels / brackets;
- 3) Relocate sign to new location that is close, but without the identified issues;
- 4) Take specific measurements of the location to determine if a sign can fit within the allocated space and negotiate that specific location with city staff;
- 5) Develop more specific dimensions for the footings; and
- 6) Do not install sign.

Additionally, city staff raised the issue of installation and the inexperience of city staff installing these types of signs with footings. Typical city sign installation does not include footings.

An option here is to include in Unico's contract installation. This would also eliminate the need to provide detailed engineering drawings for each sign, which city staff have requested.

Ciaron will follow up this email with a specific analysis of each of the 12 sign locations that have been identified with issues. She will summarize the issue for that location and propose one of the recommended solutions identified above.

Larry

**From:** Lawrence Blake/DAAV/NPS  
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**cc:** Kim Norley/CUVA/NPS@NPS, Ciaron Walker/Partner/NPS@NPS  
**Date:** Monday, March 03, 2003 04:09PM  
**Subject:** Wayfinding signs in the City of Dayton

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Carol:

Attached is the report that Ciaron prepared following her meeting with Keith Steeber on Friday.

As we noted in our email on Friday, 12 signs were identified with issues. These issues are specified in the attached report prepared by Ciaron.

There were clearly some legitimate issues that were raised through the field survey conducted by Ciaron and Keith on Friday that necessitate going back to Corbin for some redesign. Specifically, this would be to 1) request design of a stand-alone sign bracket that would be independent of the post and could be separately mounted on an existing lamp pole or other existing post or pole [Note - This is the only solution regarding signs #10 and #11.]; and 2) request redesign of sign #1P to downsize the sign panel from 4 ft to 3 ft.

I believe that whatever we are able to negotiate with the City of Dayton will still require that we have these redesigns in hand. How should this issue be raised with Corbin. They may request compensation and they may not. Would you like to call on your own or have me and others from the NPS side in on the call to explain the issue.

Having the independent bracket will be helpful with some of the other signs in presenting another option if we can't negotiate a location for the sign and post as currently designed.

For the other 7 sign locations [Note - 2 sign location issues can be resolved by relocation onto city or govt property.] with issues I would propose that I go to each of those locations with an appropriate member of the City staff and "negotiate" what is feasible. I think that with some of these locations there had been concern that a large footing was going to be required. We now believe that the footing is smaller than Keith may have anticipated, which could impact that discussion. What is your advice on this?

And lastly, installation by the City seemed to be somewhat of an issue, i.e., these were more complicated sign installations than the City is used to. It may be a solution to simply contract with Unicolor for installation and to take this off the table as an issue.

Your thoughts --

Larry

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**Ciaron  
Walker**

**To:** Lawrence Blake/DAAV/NPS  
**cc:**  
**Subject:** Wayfinding signs in the City of Dayton

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Larry:

I have attached a copy of the report from the meeting with Keith Steeber on Friday, February 28.

Ciaron

Attachments:

### Footing

A 620 lbs sign requires the footing to be 18 inches wide and 30 inches deep.

A 760 lbs sign requires the footing to be 20 inches wide and 30 inches deep.

### Sign 1

**Dimensions:** 10 feet

**Issue:** The public right of way is too narrow. Installing the sign in this location would require abutting private property.

**Potential response:** 1) Take specific measurements of the location to determine if a sign can fit within the allocated space and negotiate that specific location with city staff.

### Sign 1P

**Dimensions:** Green space – 3 feet; Sidewalk – 5 feet

**Issue:** The public right of way is too narrow. The sign panel would over hang the street and may disturb buried utility lines.

**Potential response:** 1) Take specific measurements of the location to determine if a sign can fit within the allocated space and negotiate that specific location with city staff. On the other hand 2) Redesign sign panel to include, a three-foot wide panel and bracket.

### Sign 2

**Dimensions:** 8 feet

**Issues:** The public right of way is too narrow. Installing the sign in this location would require abutting private property.

**Potential response:** 1) Take specific measurements of the location to determine if a sign can fit within the allocated space and negotiate that specific location with city staff. 2) Develop specific dimensions for the footing. 3) Relocate sign to new location closer to existing post.

### Sign 3

**Dimensions:** 8 feet

**Issues:** Sign footing may abut private property. Installing the sign in this location would require abutting private property.

**Potential response:** 1) Take specific measurements of the location to determine if a sign can fit within the allocated space and negotiate that specific location with city staff. 2) Develop specific dimensions for the footing.

### Sign 4

**Dimensions:** 8 feet

**Issues:** The sign footing may disturb buried utility lines. The public right of way is too narrow.

**Potential response:** 1) Take specific measurements of the location to determine if a sign can fit within the allocated space and negotiate that specific location with city staff. 2) Develop specific dimensions for the footing. 3) Relocate sign further west and have footing abut public (City of Dayton) property.

### Sign 5

**Dimensions:**

**Issues:** The public right of way is too narrow.

**Potential response:** Relocate sign further south and install on government property.

**Sign 6**

**Dimensions:** 8 feet

**Issues:** The public right of way is too narrow. The sign footing may disturb buried utility lines.

**Potential response:** 1) Take specific measurements of the location to determine if a sign can fit within the allocated space and negotiate that specific location with city staff. 2) Develop specific dimensions for the footing. 3) Relocate closer to an existing utility pole.

**Sign 7**

**Dimensions:** 10 feet

**Issues:** The public right of way is too narrow. Installing the sign would require abutting private property.

**Potential response:** 1) Take specific measurements of the location to determine if a sign can fit within the allocated space and negotiate that specific location with city staff. 2) Develop specific dimensions for the footing.

**Sign 8**

**Dimensions:** -

**Issues:** None

**Potential response:** N/A

**Sign 9**

**Dimensions:** -

**Issues:** None

**Potential response:** N/A

**Sign 10**

**Dimensions:**

**Issues:** Requires placement on a bridge. Introducing additional signposts on the bridge is not permitted.

**Potential response:** 1) Redesign of the sign bracket so that it can be separated from the signpost and attached directly to an existing post, i.e., lamppost. 2) Develop specific dimensions for the existing light post.

**Sign 11**

**Dimensions:**

**Issues:** Requires placement on a bridge. Introducing additional signposts on the bridge is not permitted.

**Potential response:** 1) Redesign of the sign bracket so that it can be separated from the signpost and attached directly to an existing post, i.e., lamppost. 2) Develop specific dimensions for the existing light post.

**Sign 12**

**Dimensions:** 9 feet

**Issues:** The public right of way is too narrow. Installation would require using private property.

**Potential response:** 1) Take specific measurements of the location to determine if a sign can fit within the allocated space and negotiate that specific location with city staff. 2) Develop specific dimensions for the footing.

**Sign 13**

**Dimensions:** -

**Issues:** None

**Potential response:** N/A

**Sign 14**

**Dimensions:** -

**Issues:** None

**Potential response:** N/A

**Sign 15**

**Dimensions:** -

**Issues:** None

**Potential response:** N/A

**Sign 16**

**Dimensions:** -

**Issues:** None

**Potential response:** N/A

**Sign 17**

**Dimensions:** -

**Issues:** None

**Potential response:** N/A

**Sign 18**

**Dimensions:** -

**Issues:** None

**Potential response:** N/A

**Sign 19**

**Dimensions:** -

**Issues:** None

**Potential response:** N/A

**Sign 20**

**Dimensions:** -

**Issues:** None

**Potential response:** N/A

**Sign 21**

**Dimensions:** -

**Issues:** None

**Potential response:** N/A

**Sign 22**

**Dimensions:** -

**Issues:** None

**Potential response:** N/A

**Sign 23**

**Dimensions:** -

**Issues:** None

**Potential response:** N/A

**Sign 24**

**Dimensions:** -

**Issues:** None

**Potential response:** N/A

**Sign 24a**

**Dimensions:** 8 feet

**Issues:** The sign panel would over hang the street. Signpost may potentially be in the way of pedestrians.

**Potential response:** 1) Relocate sign to northeast side of Springfield Street and Third Street. 2) Take specific measurements of the location to determine if a sign can fit within the allocated space and negotiate that specific location with city staff. 3) Develop specific dimensions for the footing.